

COUNTRY Eastern Germany

TOPIC Schoenhauser Dam Airfield

EVALUATION see below PLACE OBTAINED [REDACTED]

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DATE OF CONTENT June and 10 July 1952

DATE OBTAINED [REDACTED] 25X1 DATE PREPARED 11 August 1952

REFERENCES [REDACTED] 25X1

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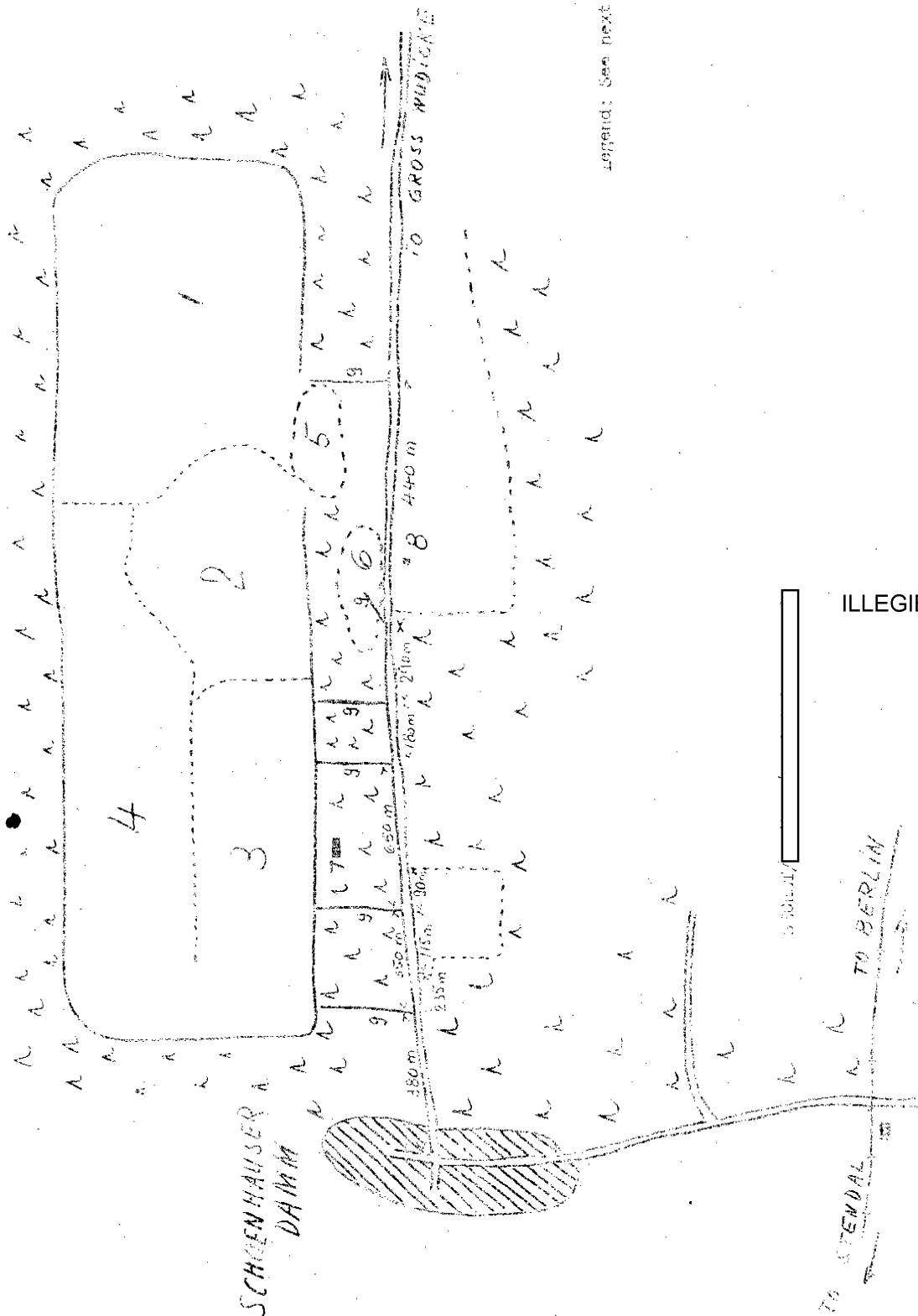
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1. In late June 1952, source learned from an acquaintance that work was under way on an airfield near Wudicke.
2. On 10 July, source observed that Soviet soldiers were stationed at Schoenhauser Dam airfield which was under construction. The service color of the soldiers could not be identified. The airfield, which measured about 3,700 meters from east to west and about 1,000 meters from north to south, was located 300 meters north of and parallel to Schoenhauser Dam-Gross Wudicke road, which extended from east to west. The field was surrounded by woods. The road leading from Schoenhauser Dam to Gross Wudicke, which was very sandy, was in poor condition. It was probably muddy after rain. Work at the field was performed in sections from east to west. No buildings existed at the field except for some low wooden buildings and tents. Clearing work was apparently completed. No spur track was observed. Sign boards indicated that the construction work was performed by the Leipzig Bauunion. No Soviet sentries or patrols were observed at the field. *

25X1 * [REDACTED] Comment. Source 2 confirms the statements by other sources on the construction of a new airfield near Schoenhauser Dam. [REDACTED] He reports for the first time the pinpoint-location of the construction project. For sketch, see Annex. According to another source, repair-shop trucks and trailers of Brandenburg Bauunion were observed at the field, while source 2 indicates that the Leipzig Bauunion was charged with the work. It remains to be clarified which Bauunion is actually charged with the construction or whether both Bauunions are assigned to work at the field. From the dimensions of the field it appears that the construction project is the same as previously observed at Retzow, Buchholz and Mahlwinkel where long and narrow fields with a sodded surface and no concrete runway are under construction.

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Schoenhausen Damm Airfield.Legend:

1. Eastern section, about 800 x 1,000 meters, where about 25 workers are engaged in grading work, and two tractors with special machines are used.
2. Area uprooted but not yet graded.
3. Area where uprooting work is in progress.
4. Heath.
5. Cantonment and quarters of Soviet guard detail; buildings observed there included 11 tents, each about 1.8 meters high and with a capacity of about 10 persons; 1 larger tent, about 2.5 meters high; 2 low wooden buildings with electric power and telephone connections; several small sheds and 1 open shed in which two trucks were parked.
6. Site occupied by German construction firm, consisting of 2 low wooden buildings, each about 8 x 20 meters, 3 smaller sheds, and 2 open sheds.
7. Individual low wooden building.
8. Wooden signboard with Russian inscription "Border of Cantonment".
9. Wooden walks; at the two eastern paths there is a signboard with the inscription: "Keep off this path. Baunton Leipzig VEB."

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